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3. (Thrice Amended) An isolated polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of natural human Fas ligand wherein all of the 8<sup>th</sup> amino acid to 69<sup>th</sup> amino acid residues as measured from N terminal end are deleted. 129<sup>th</sup> amino acid and 130<sup>th</sup> amino acid residues as measured from N terminal end are both deleted, and at least one amino acid residues from 111<sup>th</sup> amino acid to 128<sup>th</sup> amino acid residues or at least one amino acid residues from 131<sup>st</sup> amino acid to 133<sup>rd</sup> amino acid residues as measured from N terminal end is deleted.

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6. (Twice Amended) A soluble Fas ligand which inhibits Fasmediated apoptosis and which comprises the amino acid sequence represented from Gln of the 130<sup>th</sup> amino acid to C terminal amino acid residue as measured from N-terminal end of natural human Fas ligand.

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10. (Thrice amended) An isolated polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of natural human Fas ligand wherein the 129<sup>th</sup> amino acid and 130<sup>th</sup> amino acid residues as measured from N terminal end are both deleted, and at least one amino acid residue from 111<sup>th</sup> amino acid to 128<sup>th</sup> amino acid residues or at least one amino acid residue from 131<sup>st</sup> amino acid to 133<sup>rd</sup> amino acid residues as measured from N terminal end is deleted, wherein said polypeptide has membrane binding activity and induces Fasmediated apoptotic activity.

11. (Thrice amended) Am isolated polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of natural human Fas ligand wherein all of the 8<sup>th</sup> amino acid to 69<sup>th</sup> amino acid residues as measured from N terminal end are deleted, 129<sup>th</sup> amino acid and 130<sup>th</sup> amino acid residues as measured from N terminal end are both deleted, and at least one amino acid residue from 111<sup>th</sup> amino acid to 128<sup>th</sup> amino acid residues or at least one amino acid residues from 131<sup>st</sup> amino acid to 133<sup>rd</sup> amino acid residues as measured from N terminal end is deleted, wherein said polypeptide has membrane binding activity and induces Fas mediated apoptotic activity.

Please add the following new claim 12.

-#12. An isolated peptide having an amino acid sequence of natural human Fas ligand wherein at least four amino acid residues, including 128<sup>th</sup> and 131<sup>st</sup> amino acid residues are continuously deleted from the 111<sup>th</sup> amino acid to the 133<sup>rd</sup> amino acid residues as measured from N terminal end.